

House File 120 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 120
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 15)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of the judicial branch
2 including provisions pertaining to shorthand reporters and
3 the practice of law, making appropriations, and providing
4 for a fee.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.504, subsection 2, paragraph j, Code
2 2013, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) The collection entity shall remit
4 to the state court administrator, on at least a monthly basis,
5 ten percent of the amounts set off to be used by the judicial
6 branch to defray the costs of collecting unpaid court debt
7 pursuant to section 602.8107.

8 Sec. 2. Section 602.3106, subsection 2, Code 2013, is
9 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
10 thereof the following:

11 2. The fees collected are appropriated to the judicial
12 branch and shall be used to offset the expenses of the board,
13 including the costs of administering the examination.

14 Sec. 3. Section 602.10108, subsection 2, Code 2013, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 2. Fees shall be collected by the board and ~~transmitted~~
17 ~~to the treasurer of state who shall deposit the fees in the~~
18 ~~general fund of the state~~ are appropriated to the judicial
19 branch and shall be used to offset the costs of administering
20 this article.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill relates to the administration of the judicial
23 branch.

24 The bill requires the department of administrative
25 services and any other state agency that maintains a separate
26 accounting system and elects to establish a debt collection
27 setoff procedure, to remit to the state court administrator,
28 10 percent of the amounts set off from the collection of
29 delinquent court debt for use by the judicial branch to defray
30 the costs of collecting unpaid court debt.

31 The bill specifies that the fees assessed for shorthand
32 certification examinations are appropriated to the judicial
33 branch and shall be used to offset the expenses of the board
34 of examiners of shorthand reporters, including the costs of
35 administering examinations.

1 The bill specifies that the fees collected for examination
2 and admission to practice law are appropriated to the judicial
3 branch and shall be used to offset the costs of administering
4 the examination and admission process to practice law.